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**1397.** During the five months of its working, the Cell's disposals and inspections were as follows :—

| Name of the Divison | No. of cases received | No. of cases disposed of | No of interm disposals | No. of works inspected |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bangalore ... | 16 | 4 | ... | 16 |
| Mysore ... | 16 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Belgaum ... | 13 | 4 | 5 | 18 |
| Gulbarga ... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Total ... | 48 | 10 | 12 | 48 |

**1398.** The officers of the Anti-Corruption Branch periodically discuss matters connected with any investigation and seek advice on technical points or procedure.

**1399.** The most important case disposed of by the Cell is the one relating to payments for overbreak of rock in the Tungabhadra and Rajolibanda canal cuttings in the Raichur District of the Gulbarga Division.

## (iii) Horticulture.

**1400.** The Department of Horticulture expanded considerably during the year and implemented the scheme for the introduction and testing of new and improved varieties of fruits and vegetables and various kinds of plants, selection and popularisation of superior varieties suitable to local conditions. The intensive extension work done in the rural parts and the practical assistance given to the farmers in growing horticultural crops has created a great horticultural awakening all over the State. More and more people are taking to cultivation of fruits and vegetables. The area under fruits and vegetables has increased manyfold, grape cultivation alone having gone upto 9,000 acres.

Expansion of the Department.

**1401.** Some new establishments were sanctioned namely (i) Viticultural section, (ii) Floricultural section and (iii) Landscape section, to meet the needs of the new State of Mysore. The department has now two distinct wings namely the Scientific and Extension wings. A laboratory was being set up in Lalbagh to carry out botanical and horticultural investigations.

**1402.** Scientific work was done chiefly in Lalbagh by the (1) Plant and Seed Introduction and Exchange Bureau Division, (2) Vegetable Division, (3) Fruit Divisio

(4) Floricultural Division, (5) Herbal Division, (6) Landscape Division, (7) Plant Protection Division, (8) Horticultural Education Division and (9) Maintenance Divisions.

**1403.** The Extension wing consists of district farms and nurseries, parks and gardens in the State. The extention wing is engaged in popularising the results of experimental works among the cultivators, assisting them to take up improved cultural methods and utilisation of horticultural crops. The other important works attended to by the extension staff are (1) Selection of site for starting fruit and vegetable gardens (2) laying out gardens (3) procuring genuine plants and seeds (4) advising farmers in cultural methods and plant pest and disease control methods and (5) advising Municipalities, District Boards and Schools in raising gardens, planting avenue trees, ornamental plants etc., and spread horticultural education.

Co-ordination

**1404.** The Department rendered help to the various institutions and Departments. Seedlings of Tung oil, Eucalyptus, Gliricidia, Araucaria were supplied for raising plantations, village topes etc., by the Forest Department, green manure plants-pongamia and Gliricidia-were supplied to the Agriculture Department, supply of vegetable seeds, fruit plants etc., was made to the National Extension Service, more than 50,000 avenue plants, shade plants and ornamental plants were issued to the several local bodies such as District Boards, Panchayats and Municipalities and about 10,000 avenue plants were issued to the Public Works Department for planting avenue trees on high ways and grant Trunk roads, etc.

Scientific Work.

**1405.** *Vegetable Breeding Scheme.*—The object of the scheme was to produce seeds of pure strain of both indigenous and exotic vegetables, select suitable strains of seeds, multiply them on departmental farms and make available good seeds for the vegetable growers. The vegetable seeds of beans, peas, tomato, brinjal, chillies, okra, onion, sweet potato and radish were tried and examined and results recorded.

Fruit Division.

**1406.** *Viticulture.*—Development of grape cultivation by affording technical advice on the spot to the grape growers was the chief function of this unit during the year. With a view to making genuine planting material available

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to the ryots, 5,434 grape vine cuttings of different varieties were issued during the year as a part of extension service. About 83 varieties of grape vine were collected from outside the State. Superior varieties of Grapes other than "Bangalore Blue" that are found successful, were recommended to the interested ryots for cultivation.

Library and Herbarium.

**1407.** The Library was maintained well. During the year many research workers, University students and many others made use of the library.

**1408.** A number of plants were identified with specimens which were brought by students of Botany and persons interested in medicinal plants.

Horticultural Education.

**1409.** *Garden Training Scheme, Lalbagh.*—This is a scheme sponsored by the I. C. A. R. New Delhi and the State Department of Horticulture under the II Five Year Plan. The scheme was to train 125 men in the year in two batches each for a period of six months, each trainee being paid Rs. 30 per month. One hundred and seventy four youngmen were selected for undergoing training.

Horticultural Show

**1410.** The Horticultural shows were conducted under the auspices of the Mysore Horticultural Society, in several districts as well as in Lalbagh. Several institutions and Government departments and individuals participated in them. The shows were visited by thousands of people.

Nandi Hill Station

**1411.** The Nandi Hill station continued to be a popular health resort in the State. The rainfall was good during the year. The Amrithasarovara was kept clean alround the year, and water continued to be supplied to the visitor from it.

**1412.** The hill station was free from infectious diseases. A seasonal dispensary, police outpost, and sub-post office were opened during the season from March 15th to July 15th. The permanent Ayurvedic Dispensary continued to run for the benefit of visitors and the staff of the hill station.

**1413.** Newspapers were provided to the visitors. Necessary provisions, linen, fresh vegetables and cooking utencils whenever necessary were also provided to the visitors.

## (iv) Publicity and Information.

News Section. Press Releases.

**1414.** Publicity to the various activities of the Government was given by way of issue of Press Notes and News Items by this Department. During the year, 391 Press Notes and 595 News Items, both in English and Kannada were released to the Press.

Press Section

**1415.** The daily abstract " Press To-day " containing all important day to day topics, editiorial comments, news relating to politics, education, food and economic conditions etc., was continued to be prepared from the local and out side Newspapers.

**1416.** Copies of the Abstract of news taken from English, Kannada and Urdu newspapers continued to be submitted to Government with a view to keeping the Government apprised of public opinion.

Press Conferences.

**1417.** Sixty-five Press Conferences were held during the year.

Exhibitions.

**1418.** The Department participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition, All India Congress Exhibition in Bangalore, 41st Kannada Sahitya Sammelan at Basaveswaranagar, Bidar and at Hassan.

**1419.** A number of working models, charts and large size photographs relating to Plan Schemes, National Small Savings and Tourism were displayed artistically in the Departmental pavilion and free distribution of literature on Plan was made to distinguished visitors and foreign tourists.

**1420.** The Departmental Pavilion attracted large crowds in all the exhibitions.

Photographic Section.

**1421.** Photo coverage was given to the visits of very important persons (V.I.P.) and to the important tours of Ministers. The Photographic section of the Department was fully engaged in covering satisfactorily all such functions throughout the year. In all 4,995 copies of the news pictures were prepared and 370 important functions were covered.

**1422.** Eight hundred and thirty-five photographs of Tourist Spots were taken. Photographs and colour transparencis were sent to the Government of India and Foreign countries in compliance with their requests.

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Publication Section.

**1423.** The two periodicals of the Department *viz.*', "Mysore Information" in English and "Mysore Vani" in Kannada continued to be published apart from two special issues, one on the Independence Day 1959 and the other on the Republic Day 1960. Some attractive posters, booklets and folders were brought out on the Small Savings Scheme and distributed throughout the State.

**1424.** An informative and pictorial brochure entitled "Mysore on the March" was published outlining the progress achieved in the State, since the launching of the First Five Year Plan. Another brochure on our State's participation in the World Agriculture Fair held at New Delhi was also published and distributed at the "Mysore State Pavilion" in the World Agriculture Fair.

**1425.** As in the previous years, the work of editing and publishing the Mysore Dasara Exhibition Souvenir for 1959, in English and Kannada, was undertaken by the Department.

**1426.** The publications, posters, etc., received from the Government of India on Five Year Plan Schemes, Metric Weights and Measures, etc., were distributed throughout the State.

Rural Broadcasting Section.

**1427.** Two hundred and fifty Community Radio sets were procured from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi, under the 50 percent subsidy scheme, were tested and installed in villages in the various Districts on receipt of the requisite contribution from the allottees.

**1428.** All the 666 Community Radio sets installed by the Department were maintained in satisfactory working condition by the supply of batteries and repairs carried out as and when necessary, through the Maintenance Centres set-up in nine Districts and from the Head Office.

Tourist Section.

**1429.** The section guided the tourists in general furnishing them with the information required, and accompanied the distinguished tourists to several tourists spots in the State besides bringing out folders, picture post cards etc.

**1430.** Owing to constant increase in the volume of work in this section, it was converted into a Directorate

by itself with the Commissioner for Religious and Charitable Endowments as the *Ex-Officio* Director.

**1431.** The main function of the District Publicity Officers in charge of the four districts of Dharwar, Karwar Bijapur and Belgaum is to publicise the Plan Progress and other Governmental activities, in the Rural areas of their respective districts and to collect information on such activities in their areas and feed the Head Office for necessary publicity in other areas.

**1432.** Action was being taken for the setting up of such publicity units in other Districts also during the year.

**1433.** The Director of Information continued to be the Joint Director of the above scheme. Advertisements on National Savings Scheme were released to a number of magazines and journals on payment basis and for publication in the Departmental publications free of charge. Small Savings.

**1434.** A number of posters, folders, leaflets and handbills were printed in Kannada and English and distributed in the State/National Savings stalls were erected in many of the exhibitions.

## (v) The Mysore Housing Board.

**1435.** The jurisdiction of the Board was confined, as heretofore, to the old Mysore area. The Executive Engineer of the Board continued to be the Special Officer for Housing in the Integrated areas, pending extension of jurisdiction of the Board to those areas.

**1436.** *Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme*:—The expenditure incurred on Subsidised Industrial Housing Works during the year (inclusive of Rs. 0.39 lakhs relating to Gulbarga Division), amounted to Rs. 14.87 lakhs. All the sanctioned works, except the Kampli project were in progress; and out of the total number of 908 tenements, 201 were completed. The remaining tenements were under several stages of construction.

**1437.** The City Improvement Trust Board, Bangalore, allotted 450 sites in Hosahally layout on Magadi Road for the construction of 200 labour tenements by the Board under the scheme.

**1438.** *Low Income Group Housing Scheme*:—The approved programme for the year was 1,500 houses, the